Funds allocated/Utilised under IRDP

2693. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated and released by Central Government during the current financial year so far and whether the State Governments have also provided their proportionate share to the programme; if not, the States which have not provided their share and the reasons for the same;

(b) the State-wise distribution of IRDP allocations in 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the percentage of utilisation;

(c) whether Government have received any reports of diversion of IRDP funds to any other purpose by the States and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have come across reports of leakage of funds and impropier selection of beneficiaries and if so, what remedial measures have been taken in the regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) During 1994-95 the total allocation for IRDP is Rs. 1098.22 crores. Out of this Central Government has already released. Rs. 268.78 crores upto October, 1994. Against this State Governments have released Rs. 198.19 crores. The major states which have not provided their share of matching funds are Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Orissa and West Bengal.

(b) State-wise distribution of IRDP Allocation and its utilisation since 1990-91 and upto 1994-95 given in the Annexure-I [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure 65].

(c) It has been observed that in some cases IRDP funds were spent on other schemes deposited in treasury accounts/civil deposits, post office saving accounts etc.

(d) The CAG report has also pointed out some cases involving misutilisation of assistance and leakage of funds, initiatives taken to prevent this include greater rigour in inspection of the programme through Area Officer's scheme, detailed instructions to State Governments regarding proper utilisation of funds, penal action against erring officer etc. The recent interim report of the Expert Committee on IRDP set up by RBI has recommended back ending of subsidy to minimise leakages and malpractices prevalent under the current system of front end subsidy. In the concurrent evaluation survey (1989) it was pointed out that 16% of ineligible families were assisted at all India level. The Government has taken several steps since then to improve the selection procedure. A house to house survey was initiated in November, 1991 to identify families living Below Poverty Line (BPL). In order to impart greater transprancy and objectivity to the selection of the beneciaries, the BPL list has to have the approval of Gram Sabhas. The Expert Committee of RBI on IRDP has also recommended greater role of panchayats in proper identification and selection of BPL families.

Misuse of Funds by Rajkot Urban Development Authority

2694. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned funds for the construction of roads, lavatories and provide drinking water facilities through pipeline in rural areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) whether it is a fact that the Rajkot Urban Development Authority (R.U.D.A) have not utilised the funds for the purpose, particularly in Rajya Gram Panchayat and misused JRY funds; and

(d) if so, the action taken/to be taken against R.U.D.A.'s Chairman ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) and (b) Although no separate funds are released by the Ministry of Rural Development